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Title:	BAG WITH ERGONOMICALLY DISPOSED HANDLE		

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 28, 2005, with the period for timely response extended by two months to December 28, 2005, the following amendment is respectfully submitted.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.